

consisted chiefly of stragglers who were rested and re-outfitted. I found the Brigadier General a remarkable man. At first a bit bossy, and over-powering, he wanted to take over the Motors! I told him that I would co-operate with his Force, but he would not command me. He fell in with my plans after a short time. On no account would the Canadian Motors lose their identity.

On the 30th the Motors were re-enforced by 4 Officers and 57 Other Ranks from a British M.G. School at CAMIERS. They seemed to enjoy being "temporary" Canadians.

Brigadier General Carey had commanded an Infantry Brigade in the front line of the Fifth Army. He possessed an adequate flow of swear words which he lavishly drew on when speaking of the Army H.Q. Staff. He early became intrigued with Lieutenant Thorburn's 65 motor cyclists. "What do you do with all those despatch riders?", he asked. He was told they were scouts and signallers, an indispensable part of mechanized machine gunners. He remarked it could only happen with Canadians — they "think of everything"! He had a poor opinion of the Fifth Army Commander. "What can you expect from a Cavalry Officer", he remarked. Then and there I decided not to tell him I had only recently come from the Cavalry!

A most resourceful officer, Lieutenant C. H. Thorburn, on his return home when the war was over, became a bank manager at Paris, Ontario.

The 19th Corps H.Q. was now back in VILLERS BRETONNEAUX with two composite infantry battalions still fighting. On the 30th, Captain Clark, M.C., and Lieutenant Waghorn, M.C., D.C.M., M.M., were in action with one of the battalions, its O.C. riding with Clark. "ROY" Clark was a fine character. Coming from RENFREW, ONTARIO, he was an original "SIFTON". Nothing could dampen his enthusiasm. He had won his M.C. at COURCELLETTE in September, 1916, at the same time as Lieutenant Gilman, M.C. who became a valued advocate of veterans affairs at Ottawa.

On April 1st, Captain O'Reilly, M.C., and Lieutenants Black, M.C., Snyder, and Campbell made one of the last stands before VILLERS BRETONNEAUX was overrun, Lieutenant Snyder being killed. On the 3rd, Advance Troops of the Australian Corps appeared. On the 4th, "CAREY'S FORCE" vanished. The tired but still hearty Motors moved back to HIBECOURT, having had 12 days of fighting here, there and everywhere on the Army Front.

The Australians retook VILLERS BRETONNEAUX, blasting the hopes of the enemy of ever re-taking the Channel Ports. Commonly calling officers by their first names, the Aussies were a cheerful chummy lot. Were they ever a welcome sight!

A PROMISE KEPT

Before leaving the Canadian Corps, General Currie made me promise to send him a daily report of our happenings. This was done. He had copies mimeo-